

REMARKS:

At the outset, applicant thanks the examiner for the interview of April 25, 2011 in which the examiner made helpful suggestions for placing the case in condition for allowance, expressed an appreciation for applicant's position, and agreed that the list of allowable species provided in the official action was not an exhaustive list.

Claims 2 and 15-17 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Claim 2 has been amended to highlight the distinction between the presently claimed invention and the cited reference. Claim 2 has also been amended to address the formal objections raised by the Office.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 2 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the article "Anti-Malarial Activity of N6-Substituted Adenosine Derivatives", Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry, vol. 10, March 2002, pp. 769-777 by Golisade et al. ("Golisade et al. ").

The Office notes that Golisade et al. discloses N⁶-[(4-phenyl)benzyl]adenosine as compound 16e on the bottom of page 774, and also in Scheme 4. Likewise, it is asserted, Table 1 discloses compositions comprising the same and discusses the anti-malarial activity of the compound.

Claim 2 has been amended to clarify that it neither contains any of the compounds disclosed in Golisade et al., nor any positional isomers thereof.

Therefore, because Golisade et al. fails to disclose or suggest elements of currently amended independent claim 2, from which claims 15-17 depend, it does not anticipate or render obvious any of the claims currently in the case.

Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants believe that all the claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested. Should there be any issues that have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney.

If any fees other than those submitted herewith are due in connection with this response, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 14-1431.

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